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Dear Mr. Maughan:

This is in response to your request received 24 February 20061 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application number 0/516,486. The Office electronic records and a manual review of the application file show no record of a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements allegedly filed 18 May 2005. Should prosecution of the application be desired, applicant should file a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting the Office to accept copies of all the papers submitted on 18 May 2005 along with evidence of receipt of these papers in the Office on the date indicated above. The request should also contain a statement from the attorney of record indicating that these copies are true copies of the papers previously submitted to this Office. The request should be sent to the attention of Catherine Short, Manager of the United States Designated/Elected Office.

Sincerely,

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